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EXPORT OF COCOA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the quantum of cocoa exported from the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the names of countries to whom it was exported; (

(c) the foreign exchange earned through cocoa exports during the above period; (

(d) whether the Government have taken steps to improve further the export of cocoa; and (

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to(c): The quantity and value of cocoa and cocoa products such as cocoa paste, cocoa butter, cocoa powder and chocolate confectionery exported during the last three years are given below:

Year	Quantity (Metric Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1998-99	891.50	882.44
1999-2000	1381.80	1180.90
2000-01	1350.11	1342.91

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta/APEDA, New Delhi.

The countries to which Cocoa and cocoa products are exported from India include Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, UAE and USA.

(d)and(e): Government has been implementing a Central Sector Plan Scheme for development of Cocoa aimed at, area expansion, distribution of planting materials and rejuvenation of old orchards. Government has also been providing assistance for the promotion of exports of horticultural products including cocoa. The assistance is extended for conducting feasibility studies, surveys, promotion of quality and quality control, packaging development, export promotion and market development and training.